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One-page reflection on your own experiences at the grade level you have chosen for your Context Statement

The grade level my group has chosen to research for our Context Statement is high school. We chose to research the Portsmouth Rhode Island school district. We decided to choose to do our Context Statement on Portsmouth High School because we felt it was a similar fit to the high schools my partner and I attended before coming to the University of Rhode Island. The High school I attended for grades nine through twelve was Masuk High School in Monroe, Connecticut. I feel that this school closely resembles Portsmouth High School because they both are from similar areas of affluence. As well as share a similar ethnic diversity among students. However I was curious to see how similar theses schools truly were to each other.

When reading Savage inequalities I couldn’t help but compare my high school and other educational experiences with the students depicted throughout the chapters we have read. Although we have only read two chapters it is clear to see that the children in this book and I have shared a vastly different school experience. In this chapter it was said that the high school attended by these was poorly kept band had a graduation rate of only thirty-eight percent. This shocked me because although my high school was far from the best school in our district it was still kept in good condition and had a graduation rate of ninety-six percent.